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Chief, S/OM

Russian Dispersal Planning (Relocation).

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You will remember our conversation with [REDACTED] (OCD) who came to see us at the suggestion of Dr. Guthe to collect information for ODM regarding the above subject. The discussion showed that our knowledge of dispersal planning is rather poor. We are interested in it from, at least, two angles: (1) as a civil defense or economic mobilization measure, and (2) because we would like to find out how the Soviets plan to manage their economy under dispersal conditions. I suggest to begin a search for material regarding both angles.

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It would be surprising if nobody in the intelligence community, in general, and in CIA, in particular, would work on this subject. I suggest to find out who it is. One way of doing this would be to get in touch with [REDACTED]. Please, do this and inform me of the result.

As you know, I have requested the Library to make a tape run on the subject. Also, there is a dispersal map for 1951 in Chief, D/S's, office, which you should get. It is probably out of date. But it is better than nothing and may serve as a point of departure. Perhaps the producer can help us in our search for up-to-date information.

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I am attaching a list of relevant documents with the request to procure and study them.

Finally, I suggest that you prepare, for my signature, a request for continuing information, which should be submitted to the Special Center, the Reading Panel, and FDD. At your next trip to the country you should also try to find out whether someone works on the subject.

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